

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. Selectmen present were James McIlroy, Janet Smith and Roberta Gerkin. Others present were Brian Knipstein, Don Doane, Chief Reed and Robert MacPherson.

Treasurer Don Doane discussed changing the Town's banking accounts from Bank of America to Citizens Bank.

Brian Knipstein informed the Board that two of the three Hilton monuments are in place and the dead trees to the Hilton Cemetery have been removed. The dead trees on Halls Mill Road will be removed sometime next week. Brush has been removed from several intersections to improve visibility.

Brian also discussed fencing around the Highway Dept. area to help curtail the trash dumping issue that revolves around spring and fall cleanups.

Chief Reed informed the Board that the State Grant for speeding is going well.

Library Trustee Robert MacPherson was in to update the Board on the contents listed in the Isabel Paul will. The Trustees had Attorney Andrea Sennott review the will and informed the Trustees that everything they had done was within their rights and consistent with their purpose as keepers of these antiques. An appraisal was done of every item.

The Trustees are selling some broken items that were appraised with \$0.00 value. The proceeds will be going into a fund designated to repair an antique desk. The estimated cost to repair the desk is \$11,000. There have been no books or documents sold or given away. The only item sold that was listed in the will was a large business desk which had 3 legs and was covered in mold and appraised for \$0.00.

Rob also informed the Board that some of the items listed in the Paul will are missing and others are in private homes due to lack of space in the Library.

It was discussed that the decision should have been with the Town, though the decision may have been the same.

James will contact the Attorney General Office for clarification on how these issues should be handled in the future.

The NHDES letter was reviewed.

A payable check for Moulton Landscaping was reviewed and signed.

The request for proposals for the Town Hall sidewalk was reviewed. The Board made minor modifications to it.

Janet made a motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2005, Roberta seconded and James abstained.

Joe Clark Verbally requested to Wendy that the Board of Selectmen's inspection date of his property be rescheduled to September 17, 2005 due to construction delays. The Selectmen have decided to keep the date of August 27, 2005 and schedule a follow up visit.

Janet made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm, James seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. Gerkin